

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR
Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research

Project No.: 61.1651.

From: Acting Chief, Geography Division

Date: 12 April 1958

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Provisional Administrative Atlas of Mainland China.
2. Statement of Problem: To produce a provisional edition of an atlas consisting of photocopies of maps from a Chinese atlas, over which will be overprinted administrative names and boundaries.

Nothing of the sort is available except to a few individuals who have access to and ability to use the Chinese atlases themselves.

While the current situation calls for an up-to-date set of maps to facilitate location of points mentioned in press and radio translations, several considerations make an ostensibly "provisional" issuance expedient:

- a. User response to some tangible advance publication would best determine the scope and format of a more finished publication later.
- b. Timely publication of a recompiled and redrafted atlas is impossible because of the unavailability of adequate source material on internal boundaries.

3. Requester: Self-initiated

4. Responsible Analyst and Branch: 25X1A9a [REDACTED], Far East Branch

5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:

- a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area: D/GC/F: Preparation of 1 plate for each of 27 maps with overprinting of boundaries and designations (see attached outline).
- b. Other parts of CIA: FDD: Names of administrative units to be shown on map aprons are currently being translated from 1957 "Handbook of Administrative Subdivisions of the CPR." Estimated completion date 30 April 1958.